Production and developmental activities in respect of other spices are undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Amount Spent on Repairs of National Highways in Kerala

4168. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Highways in Kerala affected by rains and floods during the last three years; and

(b) the amount spent on their repairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) During the last three yoars, all the National Highways in Kerala were affected by rains and floods to varying degree. According to information provided by State PWD, the following amounts were spent specifically for flood damage repairs on the National Highways, apart from other maintenance expenditure:

Year	Amount
1988-89	Rs. 257.3 lacs
1989-90	Rs. 166.90 lacs
1990-91	Rs. 161.89 lacs

Appointments on Board of Directors in Nationalised Banks

4169. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the appointments on the Board of Directors of all the Nationalised Banks have been made;

(b) if so, whether due respresentations have been given to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on these boards;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) the Boards of Directors of the nationalised banks are continuing entities and vacancies of Directors that arise are filled up from time to time. At present 99 non-official Directors are in position on the Boards of nationalised banks and there are 81 vacancies. It is the endeavour of the Government to appoint at least one non-official Director from among the SCs/STs on the Boards of each nationalised bank. At present, 12 nationalised banks have one Director each belonging to SC/ST on their Boards as per the details given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

S. No.	Name of the Bank	Name of the non-official Director belonging to SC/ST
1.	Bank of India	Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo
2.	Bank of Baroda	Shri Bahura Ekka
3.	UCO Bank	Shri R. T. Rymbai
4.	Canara Bank	Shri Omprakash Shankaranand Kanagali
5.	Union Bank of India	Smt. Mallajamma
6.	Allahabad Bank	Shri M. Narayanappa
7.	Bank of Maharashtra	Shri Madan Varma
8.	Andhra Bank	Shri Rajkumar Nagrath
9.	Corporation Bank	Shri Rajguru Dayaram Tulsiram
10.	New Bank of India	Miss Selja Kumari
11.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	Smt. Kartar Devi
12.	Punjab and Sind Bank	Smt. Santosh Choudhary

Amount Borrowed at Commercial Rate of Interest

4170. SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, approximately 10 billion dollars were borrowed by the Government at commercial rate of interest some time around 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the rate of interest at which the money was borrowed; and

(c) when this money is due to be repaid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rate of Inflation

4171. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been abnormal rise in the rate of inflation for the last several years;

(b) if so, the annual rate of inflation during the years 1988, 1989, 1990 and as on June 30, 1991;

(c) the reasons for the rise in inflation; and

(d) the corrective measures the government propose to take to contain the rising inflation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR):

(a) The annual rate of inflation in terms of Wholesale Price Index (Base: 1981-82=100) on a point-to-point basis has fluctuated between 4.1